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Mariner's Grievance

British Subjects Discriminated Against By the Present Law.

Orders For Fraser River Salmon Being Sent From South Africa.

Labor Party In Vancouver Disbands In Favor of New Progressives.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 30.—At a meeting of mariners today the question of the unfairness of the law governing the holding of mariner's papers, was discussed. It was pointed out that an American who held United States papers when securing British subject, but he must forfeit his United States papers according to United States law. When, however, a British subject holding British papers secures United States papers though he must become a United States citizen, yet by virtue of his holding British papers he can at any time take charge of a British ship. The meeting will urge upon the federal government to amend the law, making it the same as in the United States.

An order for 1,000 cases of Fraser river sockeyes arrived yesterday from Capetown. The wholesale Chinese jobbing house of Sam Kee & Co. were the recipients of the order, which was from one of the largest wholesale doing business at the Cape. The fish will be sent to San Francisco and shipped from there by boat to South Africa. The fame of British Columbia salmon has reached the Cape, for the order specified that British Columbia sockeye salmon were wanted, and no other brand would be accepted. It was further learned that experimental shipments had been made, and each time the goods went off faster than the previous shipment did, and now the demand has grown to such an extent that the last order from one firm alone was doubled. It is understood that other firms have also received similar orders.

The carcass of a cow affected with tuberculosis has been traced as the remains of a cow at Port Moody, whose leg had been broken by coming in contact with the cowcatcher of an engine. The cow had then been shot to put her out of misery. Dr. McAlpine, the medical health officer, said to the Colonist correspondent this morning: "Think of people drinking milk right along from a cow suffering from tuberculosis. It is another warning to people to sterilize the milk they use."

Tonight at a well attended mass meeting, following up the policy laid down at the recent Kamloops convention, the Labor party decided to disband and organize a Provincial Progressive party, to which all classes of the community were invited to attach themselves. This new party may and probably will bring out candidates in civic, provincial, and federal elections.

A. R. Newell, general manager of the White Pass railway, was present at a meeting of the council of the Vancouver Board of Trade today, when a request was made that the oversight of leaving Vancouver off the map of the railway be rectified. Mr. Newell promised that this would be done.

At Christ church this morning, Harry R. G. Mellon, son of Capt. Mellon, and Miss Rosa A. Pearce, of Adelaide, were married. Mr. and Mrs. Mellon were passengers on the Charmer.

KINGSTON KILLING.

Magistrate Declines to Accept Coroner's Jury Verdict.

Kingston, April 30.—When Eric Sharpe the young boy who shot Beatrice Holland was arraigned before the magistrate today, the latter refused to accept the verdict of accidental homicide rendered by the coroner's jury. Sharpe's counsel was not prepared to plead, and the case was adjourned until Friday.

WU TING FANG.

Recommended for New Department in China.

Peking, April 30.—The viceroys recommended Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese ambassador at Washington, for appointment as head of the new bureau of foreign laws.

Shanghai, April 30.—The fourth monthly installment of the Chinese war indemnity amounting to 1,820,000 taels, was paid today.

KOREAN PRINCE.

One For Coronation Will Come Through Victoria.

Montreal, April 30.—(Special.)—A Korean prince, who will represent his country at the coronation of King Edward, will take passage from Montreal next month for England. The general traffic department of the C. P. R. received advice yesterday that a prince and his suite will leave Yokohama, May 2 on the Empress of India. The party will also include Mr. Goffe, of the British consulate in Korea, and Mrs. Goffe, who will come across the continent in a special compartment car. From Montreal, the visitors from the Orient, will sail on the Numidian, May 24.

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TORONTOS AT OXFORD.

Hardest Lacrosse Match They Have Played So Far.

Toronto, April 30.—(Special.)—A cable from London says: The touring Toronto lacrosse team had a close contest today at Oxford, where they played against the University team. Beautiful weather helped in attracting a crowd of 1,500, the great majority university students. The Canadian game is getting popular in this historic educational centre. The match was most exciting and the best contested that has taken place since the Toronto team stepped on English soil. At half time both teams were credited with five goals. The Toronto boys put up a stiff fight, but they were very weak in attacking their opponents' goal. J. J. Cawthra, a Toronto student, figured on the game of Canadians losing, though of course the English boys put up a stiff fight, but they were very weak in attacking their opponents' goal. J. J. Cawthra, a Toronto student, figured on the game of Canadians losing, though of course the English boys put up a stiff fight, but they were very weak in attacking their opponents' goal. J. J. Cawthra, a Toronto student, figured on the game of Canadians losing, though of course the English boys put up a stiff fight, but they were very weak in attacking their opponents' goal.

Interest in Coast Affairs

Capitalists Now Looking to the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

Mining and Lumbermen Are Ready to Invest Capital There.

Mr. J. F. Bledsoe, the well known mining engineer, is in the city, en route for Alberni, where he and his associates have extensive interests.

"I have just returned," said Mr. Bledsoe, "from a trip outside in connection with a rather extensive deal which looks to the placing of considerable American capital on the West Coast."

"While I am not at liberty to enter into detail, I will state that advantage is being taken of the uncertain copper market to secure a number of promising prospects at a low figure."

"Personally I was much surprised to find outside an intense interest in Vancouver Island affairs. Every move is being watched with close attention, and a large number of representatives of capital are arranging to include an inspection of the island in their summer's work."

"The extent and high quality of the copper deposits is beginning to attract the attention of those who would not entertain any other class of mining proposition. One man, who is on the coast on behalf of a big Lake Superior syndicate, is preparing elaborate comparisons between the cost of production, transportation and market facilities of the coast of British Columbia as against the Lake region. Should these prove favorable to the coast, as there is every reason to believe they will, it will result in the bringing in of this section of an immense combination of capital."

"It is not alone this man, but the meeting with a number of influential people who are working along similar, though narrower, lines that leads me to say that there is more attention being directed toward the coast at the present time than has fallen under my observation during the past 10 years."

"It is not only in mining that the interest is being awakened. Along various industrial channels the move is also being made. A few days ago a party of American capitalists chartered a steamer, and in company with expert cruisers, proceeded up the coast to inspect a number of spruce timber limits, upon which they secured options some time ago. The result of this inspection has not yet been made public, but it is not unlikely that the possibilities of the pulp industry along the coast are not being overlooked."

"The probability of opening up the centre of Vancouver Island by means of a railway is being discussed with eager interest by American men of money, who will not be slow in taking advantage of any opportunities which may be presented by this probability becoming an assured fact."

"Take it altogether," concluded Mr. Bledsoe, "I am confident that the coast is about to get a recognition not before accorded to it, and that it will not be long before much of the raw material of which we have such quantities, will find its way into manufactured products, and that, too, in local establishments."

REVOLUTIONISTS STEAL A MARCH

Colombian General Left Rio Hacha Unprotected and They Captured It.

Panama, April 30.—The report that the Colombian revolutionists have captured Rio Hacha is confirmed. Gen. Folio, who was in command of the garrison, made a move, in order to attack the revolutionary forces, in the neighborhood. He left the town unprotected, and in the meantime the rebels entered Rio Hacha.

Gen. Salazar, the governor of Panama, says Rio Hacha has been practically evacuated by the government force, on account of its unhealthy condition. Yellow fever and smallpox for the year resulted in the death of over 3,000 men, who were stationed there. Gen. Salazar has received a cable despatch from Gen. Fernandez, announcing that he has 4,000 soldiers at Honda, ready to embark for the Isthmus, but adding that he cannot get sufficient river boats to transport them down. Arrangements are being made for transportation of the troops. The government army in the department of Cauca has been reorganized into divisions of six battalions each, in all 16,800 men. All is quiet there. One guerrilla band is in the field. The strength of the Colombian fleet has been increased by the addition of the Panama Railroad company steamer Clapton, which has been armed for war. Alarming rumors are in circulation here as to the whereabouts of the revolutionary forces.

Result of A Panic

False Alarm of Fire in Crooked Factory Has Deadly Results.

Frightened Girls Crowd the Narrow Stairs in Mad Rush For Safety.

Eight Killed, Three Fatally Injured and Many Others Seriously Hurt.

Philadelphia, April 30.—An unfortunate accident to a deaf and dumb boy today was directly responsible for the death of eight girls and young women, the fatal injury of three others and the serious injury of more than two score more, all employed in the cigar factory of Harbinger, Homan & Co., branch of the American Tobacco company.

The scene of the disaster is a five-story brick building, and 1,200 persons were at work there at the time of the accident, almost all young girls.

Bacous, who was janitor, went after a ball of twine on an upper floor, and pulled the rope of an elevator, to bring the elevator down, so that he could ascend. The elevator descended slowly, accidentally pinning his head between the elevator and the floor. A stock boy, who was on the floor, saw the accident, and called for help. A foreman ran from the building to get an ambulance and immediately there was a panic among the employees.

Some of the younger girls fainted, while others cried for help. Instantly there was a mad rush for the narrow stairway. Some fell, others tripped over them, and in less than a minute there were hundreds of children and young women struggling in the passages. Their screams could be heard for a block or more.

In the excitement an alarm of fire was turned in, but before the engines arrived several of the girls rushed to the stairs and jumped to the street, a distance of over 50 feet. When the firemen and police arrived they rushed to the stairway and begged the girls to be calm, telling them there was absolutely no danger, but the sight of them only increased the panic. Ladders were set up on the outside of the building and the employees who had climbed out on the fire escapes were rescued.

Soon the men were enabled to reach the awful crush on the stairway, and the work of rescuing those who had been trampled and crushed was begun. Ambulances and patrol wagons were speedily put to work.

While this was going on, the scene about the structure was heart-rending. Parents and relatives of the unfortunate girls were screaming and running along the streets like mad. At nearly every window were girls crying for help. In half an hour the panic was over. A tall, thin man, however, before an intelligent idea of the disaster occurred, had, and it was three hours after the accident occurred, before a single victim was identified.

ACQUITTED.
German Sergeant's Trial for Killing Private by Cruelty.

Berlin, April 30.—At the end of the third trial of the court-martial at Gumbinnen today, of Sergeant's Heckerl, of Marten, charged with murdering a sick, of the Prussian cavalry, a verdict of acquittal was returned in the case of both prisoners.

BIG FAILURE.
Large Jewelry Firm in Chicago in Receiver's Hands.

Chicago, April 30.—The wholesale jewelry firm of Moore & Evans, one of the largest in the West, was placed in the hands of a receiver today. A statement of liabilities and assets has been prepared, but will take some time. The firm is said to have done a business of \$1,700,000 a year.

GEN. SMITH'S TRIAL.

Defence Has Now Finished Its Case.

Manila, April 30.—Lieut. G. H. Smith, Jr., aide-de-camp of Gen. J. H. Smith, testified at today's session of the court-martial which is trying the general, that he knew well the significance of Lucban, the insurgent leader. He said Lucban confessed to him that he was the author of the proclamation calling forth that German warships were bombarding Vigan, and that the Filipino navy was blockading it, which was issued to encourage the Filipinos. The defence then rested its case and the court adjourned until Saturday.

FROM FAR EAST.

Disquieting Rumors of Trouble Reach Paris.

Paris, April 30.—The Temps correspondent at Saigon, French Cochinchina, cables that disquieting news has been received there from the headquarters of the French military, that the French government have sent important bodies of troops there. The French minister has entered a protest. Serious difficulties are also reported to have occurred at Batnam Bang, Indo-China. The governor-general of Indo-China has sent reinforcements there. The troubles in the Malay Peninsula continue.

GOLF.
Championship Series Now in Progress in England.

London, April 30.—The amateur championship contests which opened yesterday morning at the headquarters of the Royal Liverpool club, at Hoy Lake, Chester, under perfect weather conditions, were continued today. There was a complete change in the weather, however, the third round being played in a steady rain, while a cold blast of wind blew. Of the 34 players who started this morning, the practical winners were T. W. Robb, G. Hutchins, R. Maxwell, V. Graham, J. E. Laidley and J. N. Hilton. In the fourth round the winners included Ball, Maxwell, Hutchins and Hilton. Graham was beaten by S. Mure-Ferguson.

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the door of a subscriber.

PALTRY AIMS.

Mr. Richard McBride occupied be-
tween seven and eight hours of the time
of the Legislature yesterday morning.
His speech was not a legitimate criticism
of the government's financial policy. It
was not even a legitimate criticism of
the government's general policy. It did
not pretend to be. It was simply an
endless relish of political generalities
plentifully garnished with the violence
of language against his opponents into
which he is occasionally betrayed with-
out reason or just excuse. The object
of the speech was admittedly to prevent
the business of the House from being
gone on with. The Leader of the Op-
position maintains that the government
is attempting to stifle debate in order
to permit the Premier to attend the
Coronation. For his part he is deter-
mined that debate shall not be stifled. Why?
It is certainly not because there is any
principle or policy at issue between the
government and the opposition in rela-
tion to the estimates. At least no trace
nor vestige of any such principle or
policy can be found in either the
speeches, motions, or amendments of
the members of the opposition. There
is no escape therefore from the conclu-
sion that the tactics of the opposition
have become purely obstructive, not be-
cause there is danger of the inadequate
discussion of some principle or policy,
but in order to prevent the Premier
from attending the Coronation, and the
province from being represented at this
reunion of the Empire. Obstructive
tactics are sometimes justifiable, it
depends upon the character of the end they
are designed to secure. All we can say
is this, that the prevention of the Pre-
mier's attending the coronation is an
end in thorough harmony with the char-
acter of the opposition, its mental cal-
ibre, its conception of its own dignity,
and its idea of the public good. The
members of the opposition are doing
wonderful things within the limits of
their own understandings; but if they
could get beyond these limits and for
a moment see themselves as others see
them, and these not partisans of the
government by any means, they would
take thought upon the brink of that
abyss of public ridicule and scorn in
which they are rapidly being engulfed.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE.

The following from the Seattle Post-
Intelligencer will be read with due ap-
preciation by those who have had to
read so much "hysteria" on the part of
a certain section of the American press
with regard to the doings, or alleged do-
ings, of our army in South Africa:

There seems to be a deliberate attempt
to work up an artificial hysteria over
recent developments as to the methods
which have been used, or rather which
it is alleged have been used, in dealing
with treacherous natives in the Philip-
pines. The matters are now under in-
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the full truth will ultimately be known.
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is composed, both in its officers and its
rank and file, believes that any indict-
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against the army in the Philippines, al-
though individual instances of cruelty
may be disclosed; and when disclosed,

there is no question that the offenders
will be adequately punished.

To paraphrase the language of the Se-
attle writer, "No unprejudiced man,
knowing the material of which the En-
glish army is composed, both in its officers
and its rank and file, believes that any in-
dictment for brutal severity will hold
good against the army in South Africa,
although individual instances of cruelty
may be disclosed; and when disclosed,
there is no question that the offenders
will be adequately punished."

As a matter of fact, British soldiers
found guilty of wanton cruelty have
been adequately punished. We have yet
to hear of any punishment adequate or
otherwise meted out to any American
soldiers.

The late Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage left
an estate valued at more than \$300,000.
It is to be hoped that the deceased sol-
dier of the cross will be remembered
for the good he did in the world, and
the oft quoted simile concerning the
passage of a camel through the eye of
a needle.

The sum of \$25,000 has been received
in subscriptions towards the forthcom-
ing celebration of the fiftieth anniver-
sary of Laval university. The fund is
likely to be enlarged by generous dona-
tions from each of the seventeen col-
leges in the province of Quebec.

There is a certain groove in which the
minds of the present members of the op-
position run. It is a groove in which are
found considerations of place, emolu-
ment, power, patronage and the gratifi-
cation of personal animosity, but no con-
siderations of policy, principle or public
advantage.

The latest feather in the head dress
of this fair Dominion is the announce-
ment made with due flourish of trumpets
that the Prince of Wales and all his
household will lean upon the staff of
life as produced from Ogilvie's flour.
Recently, too, large orders have been
received from Australia and South
Africa for Lake of the Woods flour,
which represent a total of over 45,000
barrels.

One thousand five hundred dollars
seems a very substantial sum to pay a
letter carrier for each trip he makes.
Oscar Fish, of Valdez, Alaska, is the
carrier who gets this \$1,500, but the trip
he makes is from that place to Eagle
City, a distance of 413 miles, he making
two trips a month for \$35,000 per an-
num. His twenty-four trips a year keep
him busy most of the time, and he takes
his life in his hands every time he starts
out on his solitary journey.

The "meat trust" and the consequent
rise in the price of beef occupies many
columns of space in Eastern exchanges
just now. New York was the storm
centre a week or so ago, and later Phila-
delphia and Chicago took up the sub-
ject. In Toronto the butchers have de-
cided to advance prices in some cases
25 per cent. The present high price
of beef in the large cities of the East
is said to work a great hardship among
the poor classes, and is the result of a
corner in the beef supply.

Much was made of the so-called de-
cadence of British trade by the press
of the U. S., which quoted customs
house returns to show that Great Brit-
ain's foreign business was falling off,
and the so-called "balance of trade"
was made to bear witness to this fiction.
According to returns from Washington
for the nine months ending 31st of
March, there was a reduction of \$50,-
000,000 in the export trade of the United
States, while the imports increased
\$70,000,000. The falling off in exports
may be partially accounted for by the
destruction of last year's corn crop, but
the enormous increases in imports shows
that Uncle Sam in spite of his tariff
wall has still to depend very largely
upon his neighbors for his year's supplies.

The Halifax Herald maintains that
the increased indemnity of \$800 per
session to members of the House of
Commons finds its way into bucket shops
and "fliers" in stocks. This is how its
Ottawa correspondent refers to the mat-
ter:

Since the sessional indemnity was
raised the taste for speculation has pro-
portionately increased. To many of the
members the indemnity is like found
money. Any day it is easy come and
easy go. Buying stocks on margin is
a form of amusement not unlike a
game of poker, or a ticket in a lottery.
The wise man only ventures what he
can afford to lose. Previous to 1901,
when the members were struggling along
on \$1,000 a session, it would afford to
take risks. The extra \$800 has not in-
duced the members to be any more
lavish in their living. On the contrary,
they stick to their old habits and habits.
And keep the maintenance allowance
down to the old figure. Those who saved
money out of their \$1,000 will save \$500
more out of \$1,800, that is, if they don't
regard the extra \$800 as so much "vel-
vet" to be invested in stocks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

Sir,—Whilst the question of stone vs.
steel as the material best adapted for the
erection of this bridge is before the rate-
payers, it is a pity that the attention of
the Scientific American will be attracted
to the "somewhat surprising statement" is
made that it is the intention of the Penn-
sylvania Railway company to erect a
bridge across the Susquehanna river at
Rockville, near Hagerstown, by one of
the same type as the one at Point Ellice.

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OPPOSITION TACTICS.

Sir,—It has been rumored that the leader
of the opposition has privately announced
that he intends to delay the work of
the Legislature, that the Premier of British
Columbia will be unable to attend the Cor-
onation of our King. Has he heard what
this means, that the province of British
Columbia will be the only province of the
Dominion of Canada represented by
its Premier? I would ask him and his
followers to pause and think the matter
dignity of British Columbia, or they may
reap the whirlwind, and reach a disastrous
end. The province first, personal mo-
tives after.
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Injunction Dissolved

Mr. Justice Irving Gives His
Decision in the V. V. & E.
Case.

Sets Aside the Order Made on
Application on March
20.

The injunction granted by Mr. Justice
Walton in March last, restraining the
V. V. & E. railway company from con-
tinuing the construction of its line of
railway, was yesterday dissolved by Mr.
Justice Irving. His Lordship handed
down his judgment on the application
of the province to bring the action. He
decided that he had not this right and
later in chambers on application of Mr.
A. H. McNeill, for the V. V. & E. dis-
solved the injunction. The judgment
regarding the Attorney-General's right
to bring the action follows:

On the 20th of March, 1902, Mr. Jus-
tice Walton, on the application of the
Kettle River Valley railway company,
made an order allowing the Attorney-
General of this province to bring an ac-
tion under the "Crown Franchises Regu-
lation Act" in His Majesty's name, upon
the relation of the Kettle River Valley
company against the Victoria, Van-
couver & Eastern railway and Navigation
company, claiming in such action such
relief as he, the Attorney-General, might
entitle himself to upon the facts dis-
closed upon the motion.

The Attorney-General for the province
was represented on the hearing of that
application, but the Victoria, Vancouver
& Eastern Railway and Navigation
& Eastern Railway and Navigation com-
pany, which will be referred to hereafter
as the defendant company, was not.
The defendant company now applies,
under Rule 539 of the Supreme Court
Rules, to have the matter re-considered,
and the re-consideration has been re-
ferred by Mr. Justice Walton to me.

The point upon which my judgment
turns is this: "Does the Crown Franchises
Regulation Act apply to the de-
fendant company? It was originally in-
corporated by an act of the legislative
assembly of the province of British Co-
lumbia" (Cap. 75, Stats. 1897), but on
the 14th of June, 1898, by an act of
the parliament of Canada, 61 Viet., Cap.
89, the works which the company by the
provincial act of incorporation was em-
powered to undertake and operate were
declared to be works for general ad-
vantage of Canada, and the said works
were declared to be subject to the legis-
lative authority of the parliament of
Canada, and the provisions of the Rail-
way Act, except sec. 89 thereof, by
sec. 1 of the said act of 1898, to be
applied to the defendant company.

By section 4 of the Crown Franchises
Regulation Act, the provincial At-
torney-General is authorized to bring an
action against any corporation, firm,
individual or partnership, or against its
act of incorporation, or (4) "Misusing a
franchise or privilege conferred upon it
by law." In my opinion the Attorney-
General of this province under this Act
would only have power to institute an
action in respect of the defendant com-
pany, incorporated by provincial authority
for misusing a franchise or privilege con-
ferred upon it by a statute of this province.
He acts for the Crown in the right of
British Columbia. In this particular case,
the legislation of the parliament of Can-
ada in 1898 has removed the defendant
company from the operation of the act.
That act, applying as it can, and does,
only to the powers of the provincial At-
torney-General with reference to com-
panies incorporated by provincial au-
thority, cannot affect or au-
thorize the Attorney-General of this
province to commence an action for the
cancellation of its charter against the
company which by Dominion legislation
has been removed from the status of a
provincial company and has become, in
effect, a Dominion company.

The points raised against the company
on the application to set aside were: (1)
That it had not complied with the re-
quirement of section 21 of the Provin-
cial Act of Incorporation; (2) That it had not
commenced within two years; (3) That
no map of the whole line, as contain-
ing the provincial charter, had been
filed; (4) That it was part of the
line of the Great Northern railway, and
that in permitting the Great Northern rail-
way to acquire shares in the company
there had been a contravention of the
requirement of section 21 of the Provin-
cial Act of Incorporation. It is on the
fourth ground only that I find any diffi-
culty in disposing of the case, because
the first, second and third grounds are
purely matters relating to the physical
construction of the road, and are dealt
with by the Dominion Railway Act. I
am inclined to the opinion that when the
Dominion authority declared that the
undertaking was one for the general
benefit of Canada, it wholly removed the
company from the provincial authority,
just as if it had been originally incor-
porated by the Dominion of Canada.

Some 20 years ago, Mr. Justice Bur-
ton, delivering a judgment in which
Patterson and Morrison, J. J. A., and
Osler, J., concurred (6 A. R. 537), in a
case where there was an abuse of a
Dominion act relating to the construction
of a bridge across the Niagara river,
said that the Attorney-General for On-
tario was not the proper person to file
the information.

In 1892, the Supreme court of Canada,
2 S. C. R. 72, decided that proceedings
to set aside a Dominion statutory char-
ter were properly taken by the Attorney-
General for Canada. In that case the
court expressed no opinion as to whether,
or in what cases, the Attorney-General
for the province could also exercise the
right of interfering.

The point upon which I decide this
application is that the provincial legisla-
ture, in passing the Crown Franchises
Regulation Act, was dealing only with
matters within their own legislative pow-
ers.

I do not say that the Crown Franchises

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Regulation Act is ultra vires. It is
applicable to provincial Crown franchises,
but in my opinion it is inapplicable to
the defendant company by reason of the
Dominion legislation in 1898. I think if
the learned judge had this called to his
attention he would have taken the same
view as I do, and in that case he would
have refused to act under the statute.
For these reasons I think the order
of the 20th of March should be set aside.
It was suggested by affidavit that the
defendant company was in contempt in
that it was disobeying the injunction
granted in this case; and that, there-
fore, I should not entertain its applica-
tion. The affidavit does not allege with
precision that a breach of the injunc-
tion has been committed. Having re-
gard to the surrounding circumstances
of this case, I think I would be acting
improperly if I delayed hearing the pre-
sent application until I had the parties
discuss the question whether or not
there had been, in fact, a breach of the
injunction.

P. A. E. IRVING, J.

IN CHAMBERS.
Other applications in chambers were:
Holtz vs. Vandall—L. Crease applied
for an order to pass the receiver's ac-
counts, which was granted.
Gallon vs. Gallon—A. D. Crease moved
for an absolute decree of divorce on be-
half of the petitioner, which was grant-
ed.

Cunningham vs. Appleyard et al.—Mo-
tion by plaintiff for injunction was stood
over until Friday next. H. Lawson,
Jr., for plaintiff, D. M. Rogers for de-
fendants.

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New Act on the last page. It tells all
about The Bankrupt Clothing Sale at
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LAI D AT REST.
Funerals of the late Mrs. Tronice and
Capt. Black yesterday.

The remains of the late Mrs. Tronice
were laid to rest yesterday afternoon.
The funeral took place from the resi-
dence, No. 63 Menzies street, at 2 p.m.,
and at the Metropolitan Methodist
church at 2:30. Impressive services were
conducted by the Rev. E. S. Rowe at
the church and grave. There was a large
attendance of friends, showing the es-
teem in which the deceased was held.
The choir was in attendance and sang
appropriate hymns. The following gen-
tlemen acted as pall-bearers: Capt. Mc-
Culloch, Messrs. W. McDowell, F. Da-
vey, L. Young, W. W. Northcott and A.
Wilson.

The funeral of the late Capt. Colin
Black took place yesterday afternoon
from the family residence, No. 102 Men-
zies street, at 2:30. Services were con-
ducted by the Rev. W. L. Clay at the
residence and grave. There was a large
attendance of friends and many beau-
tiful floral designs. The following gen-
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Provincial Legislature

After All Night Sitting House Adjourns at a Quarter to Ten.

Afternoon Occupied in Committee on Pacific Northern and Omnica Bill.

Legislative Chamber, 3:15 a. m., April 30, 1902.

After the vote on Mr. McBride's motion to adjourn the debate the opposition asked for the yeas and nays. Mr. Speaker said it was against the rules to take the names on a motion to adjourn, and a point of order was raised which gave rise to a lengthy debate in which Mr. McPhillips and Mr. McBride took leading parts. The latter removed his name from the government and bitterly criticized the opposition, and as a whole, denouncing their alliance with Mr. Martin, with especial reference to Hon. Col. Prior.

He was interrupted by Hon. Col. Prior who asked him if he would accept the support of Mr. Martin?

He replied that he would avail himself of any means by which he could bring about the defeat of the Dunsmuir government.

Continuing his strictures on Hon. Col. Prior, whom he described as the greatest political humbug of the age, Mr. McBride was asked and emphatically denied that he had sought out that gentleman and offered him the leadership of the opposition, a fact which both Hon. Col. Prior and Mr. Prentice declared was true.

Mr. McBride said he had not sought the leadership of the opposition, and he could conscientiously say that he had never made a promise which he had not fulfilled. He denied that he had made "silly play" in his resolutions of confidence and want of confidence during the session, every one of which had a particular bearing on some important matter of public policy. He instanced the question of franchise rights and was proceeding to discuss the matter when Mr. Speaker called him to order.

This provided a theme for another debate, in the course of which Mr. McBride took occasion to say that he would rather occupy the position of a minister of the crown in a government to which decency, manliness, and honesty were wanting. He declared the Premier an honest man and a true patriot, but a coterie of unscrupulous politicians.

Mr. Murphy followed. He suggested a compromise. If the government would consent to give the opposition two days in which to criticize the Budget speech they would be content to go into committee, otherwise the opposition were prepared to obstruct business until they carried their point.

Mr. McPhillips denied that he had made an obstructive speech, imputed to him by Mr. Murphy. He would make no terms with that gentleman, but would insist upon the right of the opposition to criticize the Budget to any necessary extent.

Mr. Neill also suggested a compromise. Several members of the opposition were prepared to speak in support of the government for several hours. He would not appeal to the clemency of the government, but to the effect which their arbitrary action would have on the country. He asked the government to "take a tumble to themselves."

At 5:55 a. m. the House divided on the question, "shall the debate be adjourned, as follows: Messrs. Hawthorthwaite, Neill, Gifford, Curtis, Munro, Tatlow, McBride, Murphy, McPhillips, Helmecken and Kidd—11.

Nays—Messrs. McInnes, Martin, Prentice, Dunsmuir, Eberts, Smith, W. W. Elison, Clifford, Houston, Wells, Prior, Rogers, Hunter and Mounce—14.

Mr. McBride, continuing his speech on the budget, felicitated himself on possessing the confidence and support of the members of the House, and he stated boldly that any government candidate nominated against him would lose his deposit.

Mr. McBride's remarks were punctured by the snipes of honorable members, who sought to slumber by his elaborated and untruthful statements. He had avoided all mention of the Canadian Northern contract, the most important matter before the public, nor did he suggest any consolidation of the present stage of the public finances.

Mr. McBride spoke till 9 o'clock, and then Mr. Hunter discovered that no notice had been given of Mr. Tatlow's amendment, and claimed that it was out of order and that the amendment was out of order.

Mr. Martin moved the adjournment of the debate.

The House then adjourned at 9:45 o'clock a. m. till 2 p. m.

The House met again at 2:30 p. m., prayers being read by the Rev. H. B. Blyth.

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Walkem, and could not at present be brought down to the House.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir, the House adjourned at 6 p. m. until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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White Pass & Yukon Route Makes Better Arrangements.

It is announced by White Pass & Yukon route officials that for the coming season regular steamer connections will be maintained between White Horse and Mason's and Eureka landings.

Mason's landing is the highest point on the river reached by regular steamers last year, but a new landing has now been established about four miles above that place. The effect of establishing the latter landing is to shorten the trail from Mason's landing to Commercial Centre by about five miles.

Livingstone creek is about 12 miles by trail from Eureka landing, while Hootalinqua post is approximately 28 miles distant. It is said all the principal points in the Big Salmon district are accessible via Eureka landing as well.

IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED.

South East Kootenay Licenses to Be Inquired Into.

Owing to a report recently made to the Attorney-General's department regarding alleged irregularities in regard to the administration of the Liquor License Act, in the Fort Steele license district, South East Kootenay, the Nelson News, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has appointed W. H. Bullock-Webster, N. S. as sole commissioner to inquire into said alleged irregularities. The commission was issued at Victoria on April 8, but as the commissioner has to be sworn in before one of the judges of the Supreme court, no date for the first meeting of the commission can be set until the arrival of the judge who will preside at the Nelson assizes, before whom Mr. Webster will take the commissioner's oath. There are at present no commissioners for the Fort Steele license district, no appointments having been made since December 31, when the then existing board was retired. This board was composed of Andrew B. Grace, of Fort Steele; Fred, Stork, of Fernie; Alfred T. Clancy, of Metchosin; Provincial Constable H. H. Barnes, of Fernie, as chief license inspector. It is into their actions in connection with the administration of the License Act that the commission will inquire. It is the intention to hold sittings of the commission at Moxie, Cranbrook, Marysville, Kimberley, Port Steele, Elk and Fernie, the date of which sittings will be announced by the commissioner as soon as possible. There has been a good deal of talk throughout South East Kootenay over the administration of the Liquor License Act.

Liberal Association.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association for the nomination of officers was held last evening. The following officers were elected by acclamation: J. P. Duff, president; John Taylor, first vice-president; John Percy, second vice-president; B. Fraser, secretary. There were 20 nominations for the executive. The election will be held next Wednesday.

Month's Donations.

The chairman of the Victoria Liberal Association, in a letter to the following donors: Illustrated papers, Jellies, jam and sauces, Mrs. Capt. Gibson; flowers, Mrs. Palmer; cake, B. W. M. C.; flowers, Mrs. Macgregor; illustrated papers, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken; magazines and old linen, Mrs. Edgson, W. E. Blythe, Mr. C. Smart; flowers, Mr. Berrow; Daily Colonist, Daily Herald, Free Press and Ladyship Leader.

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company from possible over-capitalization, and he did not believe that the construction of the line would cost as much as had been estimated.

Mr. Curtis supported the amendment, but Mr. Garden pointed out that the engineer who had surveyed the line had appeared before the Railway committee and stated that the road would cost \$20,000 per mile on the average.

Mr. McPhillips was opposed to the amendment, as he did not think it wise to tie down the promoters of railway enterprise too much. It was not the duty of the legislature to protect the financial world, and he believed that investors were quite capable of looking after themselves.

Mr. Martin congratulated Mr. McPhillips on the progress of his knowledge of railway business. Last session the hon. member had denounced these projects as schemes to keep the country back, but now he was evidently taking them seriously. He was of opinion, however, that the cost was overestimated, and approved of the amendment to reduce the amount of stock per mile to \$25,000. It was true that as a rule the promoters of these railways did not get face value for their bonds, but the result of the over-capitalization was that in order to pay interest on the bonds high freight and passenger rates had to be charged to the detriment of the country. He did not look upon railways as individual blessings to the country unless there was some government control exercised, or some guarantee that the railways would be run to the advantage of the people.

Mr. Oliver went at some length into the history of the construction of the P. R. and of the large profits made by the promoters of that company.

Mr. McPhillips delivered a spirited defence of Lord Strathcona, who, he stated, had risked his entire fortune on the construction of the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. Neill submitted that the section of the bill granting power to build a branch line from Hazelton was contrary to the provisions of the section of the act to which it was to be added. That section provided that branch lines should be not more than 20 miles in length, and the new subsection contained in the amendment would give power to build a branch line about 87 miles in length.

Hon. Mr. Eberts argued that the section of the bill was in order, the chairman concurred. Mr. Neill appealed from the decision, the matter was re-argued before the Speaker.

Mr. Hunter said it was very extraordinary that the whole afternoon had been occupied in discussing one little amendment bill.

Mr. Oliver hoped that the Speaker would uphold Mr. Neill's objection to the bill, which, he said, contained on the face of it evidence of a deep-laid scheme. In the section of the original act permission was given to the company to build branch lines 20 miles in length, and in the new subsection the House is now proposed to give further permission to build one specific branch line of a greater length. The new section was perfectly in order.

Mr. Oliver explained that the deep-laid scheme he referred to was a rumor to the effect that the company was going to bonus the company with land in the Bulkley valley.

Mr. Martin said that the Attorney-General's argument was unanswerable. The Speaker upheld the chairman's decision, and the consideration of Mr. Oliver's amendment to section 2 was resumed. The committee divided at 5:25 p. m. on that amendment, which was carried by 15 votes to 13.

Mr. Curtis moved another amendment to the same section to provide that bonds should not be issued for more capital than had been actually expended on the construction of the railway.

Mr. Hunter opposed the amendment, which he declared would make the act unworkable.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said that no common-sense business on such terms.

They would have to raise money on bonds before the construction of the road and therefore before they knew exactly what capital would be expended.

Mr. McPhillips opposed the amendment, which he declared would make the act unworkable.

On a division the amendment was lost.

Mr. Curtis then moved the insertion of a new section, which provided that when the company should apply for the right to traverse provincial lands, the government should be able to make a condition in regard to the construction of the line. The object of this section was, Mr. Curtis explained, to give the government power to prevent Chinese, Japanese and other undesirable persons from being employed on the railway.

Mr. McPhillips opposed the motion. It would not be fair to impose conditions on one company which other companies would not be bound to accept.

Mr. Curtis might bring up the question of the employment of Asiatic labor on another occasion. The country wanted railways, and if too many conditions were imposed capital would not be forthcoming.

The amendment was negatived without a division.

Mr. Curtis moved the insertion of another new section to provide for the purchase of the railway in 20 years' time, the government on certain conditions.

Discussion on this proposal was proceeding when Mr. Eberts moved that the committee should adjourn and report progress with leave to sit again. This was agreed to.

When the Speaker had taken the chair Mr. McBride asked for the papers dealing with the payment of \$2,000 out of the Westminster bridge funds to Mr. Greenhields.

Hon. Mr. Wells reported that all papers bearing on the matter were at present in the hands of Mr. Commissioner

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